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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectmen
FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator
RE: Town Administrator's Report
DATE: January 26, 2016

Personnel

We have hired Karen Moulton as the new Finance Assistant & Payroll Clerk. Karen has worked part-time in the Town Clerk's office for several years and has served in interim roles in the Finance Department on a few occasions over the past several years. In looking at the job requirements and workload for this position with the Finance Director and Treasurer/Collector, we have decided to decrease the hours from 36.5 to between 25 and 30 hours a week.

The Board of Health is planning to meet tomorrow to discuss the potential appointment of a new part-time Assistant Health Agent. The Board of Assessors is also meeting tomorrow to interview candidates for the vacancy in the part-time Assessor position caused by Steve Gasperoni's impending retirement. We continue to work through the interview and screening process for applicants to the Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator position.

State & Federal Water Regulations

The Town received formal notice this week from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that our Water Management Act permit has been indefinitely extended. The terms of our current permit will continue to remain in full force and effect until the DEP issues a decision on our renewal application. This repeated delay in implementation may be a result of the Baker administration's Executive Order (#562) which requires all state regulations to review their regulations to consider local fiscal and policy impacts.

As has been discussed at previous Selectmen meetings, we have been working to coordinate with the Massachusetts Water Works Association and other communities in the Ipswich River basin to develop a regional strategic plan that reflects our collective concerns and challenges as they relate to these important proposed regulatory changes. We plan to send a letter to Governor Baker this week that outlines our position and some suggested alternatives.